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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING DEVICE AND STORAGE MEDIUM WITH A
REPLY PREPARING PROGRAM READABLE BY A COMPUTER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7 as follows: